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Lesson 12

Medieval Times

Vocabulary

All the words in this lesson may be associated with the Middle Ages.

adorn (uh DORN) V. to decorate, especially with ornaments *(The queen will adorn herself with jewels.)*

chalice (CHAL is) N. a goblet *(Before the battle, the knight drank from the king's golden chalice.)*

chivalry (SHIV uhl ree) N. the special qualities of knighthood, such as valor, honesty, and courtesy *(Sir Cedric displayed great chivalry in assisting the damsel in distress.)*

clad (klad) ADJ. clothed; dressed *(The lady was clad in spotless white linen.)*

clan (klan) N. a family group *(Several members of that clan were knights.)*

dictum (DIK tuhm) N. a formal, authoritative pronouncement *(The king issued a dictum which forbid dancing.)*

domain (doh MAYN) N. territory controlled or dominated by someone or something *(Camelot was the domain of King Arthur.)*

ember (EM bur) N. a burning or live fragment from a fire; a live coal *(The squire used an ember from last night's fire to light the first fire of the new day.)*

hilt (hilt) N. the handle of a sword or dagger *(Arthur grasped the hilt of his sword Excalibur.)*

homage (HAHM ij) N. reverential or great respect given or shown *(The knights paid homage to their king when they knelt.)*

lore (lor) N. traditional knowledge or belief *(The tales of Sir Gawain are part of the lore of the Arthurian legends.)*

medieval (MEE DEE vuhl) ADJ. characteristic of the Middle Ages *(We enjoyed looking at the suits of armor and other medieval objects.)*

minstrel (MIN struhl) N. a musician of medieval times *(The minstrel entertained the king and his guests at the banquet.)*

peril (PER uhl) N. risk or danger *(The peasants were in great peril as invading armies stormed through the countryside burning homes, fields, and entire villages.)*

portent (POR TENT) N. a sign of things to come *(The king believed the solar eclipse was a portent of disaster in the upcoming battle.)*

relic (REL ik) N. a remaining fragment of something lost or destroyed *(The Holy Grail was a relic that was sought during the Crusades.)*

sage (sayj) N. a wise and learned man *(The sage advised the king on how to rule.)*

secluded (si KLOO did) ADJ. separated; isolated *(Before battle, many knights would find a quiet secluded spot to rest and prepare.)*

tyrant (TY ruhnt) N. an absolute ruler who may be cruel and oppressive *(The feudal lord was a tyrant who was hated by his subjects.)*

valiant (VAL yuhnt) ADJ. courageous *(The queen grabbed a sword and made a valiant effort to defend the castle.)*

SECTION 2

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